



# Introduction to Church and Census Records in Iceland

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This course is designed to inform family history researchers of what kind of information they may find in an Icelandic church and census record.

## Objectives:

Patrons will be able to find a person in the church records as well as search for a person in a census record for Iceland.

- Church Records (on microfilm)
- Census Records (online)

Church Records: Available on microfilm at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

- Birth and Christening
- Confirmation
- Marriage
- Death and Burial Records

Census Records available online: <http://www.manntal.is/>

- 1703, 1816, 1835, 1840, 1845, 1850, 1855
- 1860, 1870, 1880, 1890, 1901, 1910, 1920

A census can be searched by the name of a person, a parish (sókn), a county (sýsla) or even by a town (bær/hús) or an address. If you know the parish and county where your ancestor lived it should be easy to recognize the parish and county to the right of the name of your ancestor if you searched by name.

History of Iceland is available in the FamilySearch wiki:  
[https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Iceland\\_Genealogy](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Iceland_Genealogy)

A small Icelandic dictionary:

<b>Icelandic</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Icelandic</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Icelandic</b>	<b>English</b>
afi	grandfather	barn	child	Blikksmiður	tinsmith
blindur	blind	Bróðir	brother	Bróðursonur	nephew
bær	farm, town	far	father	Fógeti	sheriff
fólkstal	census	fósturbarn	foster child	griðkona	female servant
húsfaðir	head of household	húsmaður	housewife	járnsmiður	blacksmith
kaupmaður	trader, merchant	leigjandi	leaseholder, lodger	Mágur	brother-in-law
nærkona	midwife	piltar	farmhand	vinnumaður	laborer, farmhand (male)

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